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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia relative to the civil commitment process for persons with mental illness. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCESS FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 5 of chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by striking the last sentence and inserting therein the
- 3 following:—
- 4 The hearing shall be held at the facility unless the person, the
- 5 court, and the hospital request that it be held at an alternate site.